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Since December 1946, the following items are being exported from the southern part of the French Zone:

1. Food. Cheese, meat, butter, fats, and cattle from the Württemberg region (Allgäu) go exclusively to France and the Saar territory. Some of the vegetables and fruit from the Lake Konstanz region go to Switzerland. There is much illegal exportation of food across the border to adjacent districts in Switzerland.
2. Wood. All types and grades of cut and uncut lumber go to France. The furniture factories in Urach (X28) and surrounding area are working at peak capacity and exclusively for export to France. All saw mills in this region are flooded with orders but production is curtailed by a manpower shortage.
3. Textiles. The large textile mills in Reutlingen (X08) are fully employed but occasionally suffer from a shortage of raw material imported from France and other countries. Ninety to ninety-five percent of the products, which are chiefly cloth, toweling (Frottierwaren), and linen go to France. The toweling mills (Frottierweberei) in Lustnau work exclusively on French orders. Textile production is under the administration of the OFICOMEX in Badenweiler.
4. Musical instruments. The products of the Hohner firm in Trossingen go to France, Switzerland, and to meet the temporary requirements of the occupation army. Delivery to and payment from Switzerland must be cleared through the French clearing service in Baden-Baden.
5. Watches. The following firms work exclusively on French orders: Kienzle in Schwenningen (W54), Junghans (partially dismantled) in Schramberg (W54), and several small companies in Schwenningen and Schömberg (W75). More than 15,000 watches per month are produced by these firms.

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6. Medical instruments. Several firms in Tuttlingen (W83) work chiefly on French orders, but also have some Belgian and Danish orders.
7. Leather goods. The shoe firms in Schwenningen work on French orders, producing women's gloves and all types of shoes for exportation to France and for sale in French Zone stores. Four percent of the production is allotted to German consumption.
8. Machine parts. The Singen Aluminum Works (partially owned by the Swiss) produce machine parts and household wares for the French.
9. Bearing bushings. The Fürstliche Hohenzollernische Metallwarenerwerke (partially dismantled property of the Prince von Sigmaringen-Hohenzollern) in Lauchau near Sigmaringen (X14) work on French orders and produce bearing bushings for motor vehicles.
10. Gears. The Deutsche Zahnrad Werke in Friedrichshafen (C29) produce all types of gears exclusively for exportation to France.

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